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### Girl Scout Cookies on Sale

Local girl scout cookies will be on sale until Feb. 10 and will be delivered March 8-22. Booth sales begin March 8. For more information, contact Gina Garvin 816-358-8750 ext. 3046.

### Community meeting scheduled

Tonight the University is hosting a community meeting for the proposed Alumni Center at 7:30 p.m. at the Alumal House.

### Spurlock postponed

Tonight's presentation by 'Super Size Me' director Morgan Spurlock has been postponed until further notice. Spurlock was scheduled to speak on minimum-wage living.

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## PLAYING BY EAR



ON THE WEEKENDS Maryville resident Dave Reeves plays in his band the Rhythm Kings. Reeves, who is legally blind, needs his band mates from Iowa to pick him up for their performances. In his spare time, Reeves also teaches others how to play. (bottom left) SEVERAL PICTURES OF Dave Reeves' hero Les Paul are displayed in his home. At the age of 92, Paul suffers from arthritis, yet still plays guitar. Reeves relates to Paul's handicap, as Reeves continues to play despite his poor vision. (bottom right) THIS WALL IS Dave Reeves' "wall of blondes." He said that everyone has their own preference about things. Like hair color, Reeves prefers "blondes" when it comes to his guitars.

## Local guitarist grooves to a different tune

By Kenny Larabee  
Chief Reporter

With a whimsical humor and a style all his own, local musician Dave Reeves has been teaching the citizens of northwest Missouri how to play the guitar for over 30 years.

A feat made all the more astonishing when considering some of the adversity the Maryville native has had



to overcome. For starters, Reeves is legally blind.

With just limited vision in his right eye, Reeves wasn't going to be deterred.

"When I first started losing my sight and thought 'Man, I hate to give this up,' because this is kind of my blood here," Reeves said. "I'd come up here at night and shut the lights off and just play in the dark and learn to get around a little bit better on the fret board that way."

It hadn't always been that way. Eleven years ago, before he started losing his sight, Reeves found musical influences all around him. As a child, one of his role models was his father.

"My father used to play at the edge of the bed ... that's how he put all of us kids to sleep," Reeves said. "We might still be a little bit rowdy from the day and he'd come and play guitar at the edge of the bed and that'd



kind of calm us down.

"I always thought that was pretty cool."

Reeves also found influences in the same things many kids from the 1960s did.

"Of course when the Beatles hit Ed Sullivan in '64, me, like a bunch of other pimply-faced kids (said) 'we got to

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NORTHWEST GROWTH

## University gets approval to hire faculty for Fall '08

By Evan Young  
Managing Editor

(This is the first of a two-part series focusing on what the University is doing to address an expected enrollment increase over the next several years and its impact on faculty and students.)

Some relief is on the way for faculty around campus currently taking on extra workloads.

Northwest received the go-ahead Friday from the Board of Regents to hire four instructors next fall as part of a plan to address an anticipated enrollment increase over the next several years.

The University will hire English, music, accounting and management personnel to provide aid to faculty in those departments teaching overloads, or more than four classes apiece.

The new positions are the first step toward fulfilling the Rational Expectations Enrollment Plan (REEP), which the Regents passed unanimously during their December meeting.

Based on averages from the past five years, the REEP predicts overall enrollment at Northwest will increase by approximately 20 percent over the next five years.

Total enrollment, undergraduate and graduate, is now at about 6,500 students, with 250 faculty members serving them, according to University Relations. The institution saw its second-largest class of first-year freshmen in history last fall, with 1,446 students, according to the Fall 2007 trimester census.

Under the REEP, Northwest would gain nearly 7,700 students over the next five years, about 6,150 of whom would be full-time equivalent, or students taking at least 12 credit hours.

To answer the impact the increase will have on both faculty and students, the REEP suggests the University hire up to 30 faculty members over the same time period.

The REEP estimates it would cost the University between \$1.5 million and \$6 million in total to hire all needed faculty, though the recommended amount would be around \$4.5 million, according to the REEP text.

The English, music, accounting and management departments needed additional faculty immediately, Provost Kichoon Yang said. All of them faced significant increases in freshmen last fall, had to create more sections of general education courses and dealt with the influx through overload and adjunct, or temporary, instruction, he said.

All-around, the primary need for new faculty is in the College of Arts and Sciences, the home of about 90 percent of freshman general education courses, Yang said. Positions for some academic disciplines may prove harder to fill than others, but Yang wasn't overly concerned with the process.

Northwest's English Department had to create nine additional sections of freshman English because of the near-record numbers last fall. And while his faculty "managed to do alright" with handling the overload, Department Chair Michael Hobbs is glad to have an opportunity to get the extra help.

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NATIONAL GUARD

## Maryville troops prepare for training, Kosovo deployment

By Kenny Larabee  
Chief Reporter

The Missouri National Guard will deploy roughly 1,000 troops to Kosovo, including approximately 100 troops from Maryville and surrounding areas.

The 1st and 129th Artillery, headquartered in Maryville, will send off two groups for training, the first on Feb. 6, before eventually arriving in Kosovo according to Sgt. Major John Sportsman.

"The leaders are mobile, we'll be going to Camp Crowder the first part of February," Sportsman said. "The main body will leave in March."

Both groups will initially start out at Camp Crowder in Missouri before meeting up at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. From there, approximately 1,000 soldiers will move on to Hohenfels, Germany, Sportsman said.

Those soldiers will be known as KFOR-10, which stands for Kosovo Force. Members of the Guard from Maryville will comprise Task Force Thunder, Sportsman said.

The training is essential, because the task force will be in unfamiliar territory with unfamiliar equipment.

"We're an artillery unit and we're going as an infantry unit, so yeah it's a little different," Sgt. John Miers said. "We'll be learning some new stuff. We'll have some different equipment that we're not used to having. That we get to play with and use."

A presentation was given last Thursday detailing the mission and the need to deploy to Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

According to the slide show, Serbs and Albanians (the largest ethnic group in Kosovo) have been embroiled in violent battles and tensions since the Middle Ages. In 1999, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) bombed Serbia and the United Nations (UN) Security Council approved Resolution 1224. This resolution gave the UN responsibility to help restore order and establish a government in Kosovo. The task force being deployed will conduct patrols to

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NORTHWEST FOUNDATION

## 'Village' idea wins Regents' support

By Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

(This is the first of a two part series on the proposed "Village at Northwest" concept.)

Rural colleges around the country are urbanizing by developing residential and commercial areas near their campuses.

The Northwest Foundation is considering developing its own "Village at Northwest."

If this plan becomes reality, the "Village" will be built on the 66 acres is on the west side of I-29, owned by the Northwest Foundation.

"We have an excellent piece of property that's being proposed, that's got a great location, it's a close proximity to the University," Chief of Staff and General Counsel Joe Cornelison said.

The plan presented to the Board of Regents by Cornelison calls for an urban-style village with offices, stores and restaurants mixed with

single family homes, town houses and loft-style condominiums. The goals of this idea include providing a commercial area near the University and bringing Northwest alumni who are ready to retire back to Maryville.

New urbanism is a mixture of residential and commercial activities, Cornelison said.

"The idea here, in a planned way to have a mixture of commercial and residential so that people who live in the residential areas can essentially walk to things like a restaurant, or a bookstore, or a doctor's office, or whatever the commercial mix turns out to be," Cornelison said.

The idea came from a *New York Times* article published a year ago about the concept of villages and mentioned colleges who have them, Cornelison said.

Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., is in the process of building its own village. The town has almost the same demographics,

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FACULTY ART OPENING



NORTHWEST ART Faculty lecture and reception Monday night allowed the public to view faculty art work. Art Department Assistant Professor Nancy Bernardo stands next to one of her pieces entitled, "Soundly Belly." The Faculty Art Exhibit is on display 1 to 5 p.m. until Friday.



OUR VIEW

## Some issues aren't relevant in this election

On Tuesday, Jan. 5, Missouri residents will select which Republican, Democrat and Libertarian delegate they believe can lead the country best for the next four years. The Northwest Missourian is not endorsing a candidate from each party for this primary election; rather, we would like to inspire you not just to vote, but to vote smart.

Thanks to the national media, this presidential primary has become a race of firsts on the Democrat side. Who will it be: The first black president, or the first woman president? If you're voting Democrat, although Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are clear frontrunners, make sure you're not casting your vote for a first, but for who will be the best president.

Although there are no "firsts" on the Republican side, the principle is the same. Get to know what these candidate stand for and what their strengths and weaknesses are.

There are no perfect people, and there are no perfect candidates. You may not agree 100 percent with everything a candidate stands for, but understand that the presidency does not equal unlimited power. So many voters base their decisions on hot-button issues like abortion, where the president has little to no power to keep or overturn policies and cases like Roe v. Wade.

Web sites like Ontheissues.org or Glassbooth.org can help voters decide which candidate fits their needs the best.

Most Republicans still backing George W. Bush today will admit that the past 8 years fell short of expectations. Most Democrats or other non-Bush supporters would agree that is the understatement of the year. To put it lightly, the Bush administration did little for foreign affairs and our reputation overseas.

To add to our problems, the dollar's value is not what it was; we are immersed in what can only be described as a quagmire in Iraq and our overseas reputation is not prestigious.

If the country wants to mend these relationships, it must elect a leader—Republican, Democrat or other—that can put the country on the right track. Voters need to decide what candidate will do the best job leading a country out of this new millennium slump.

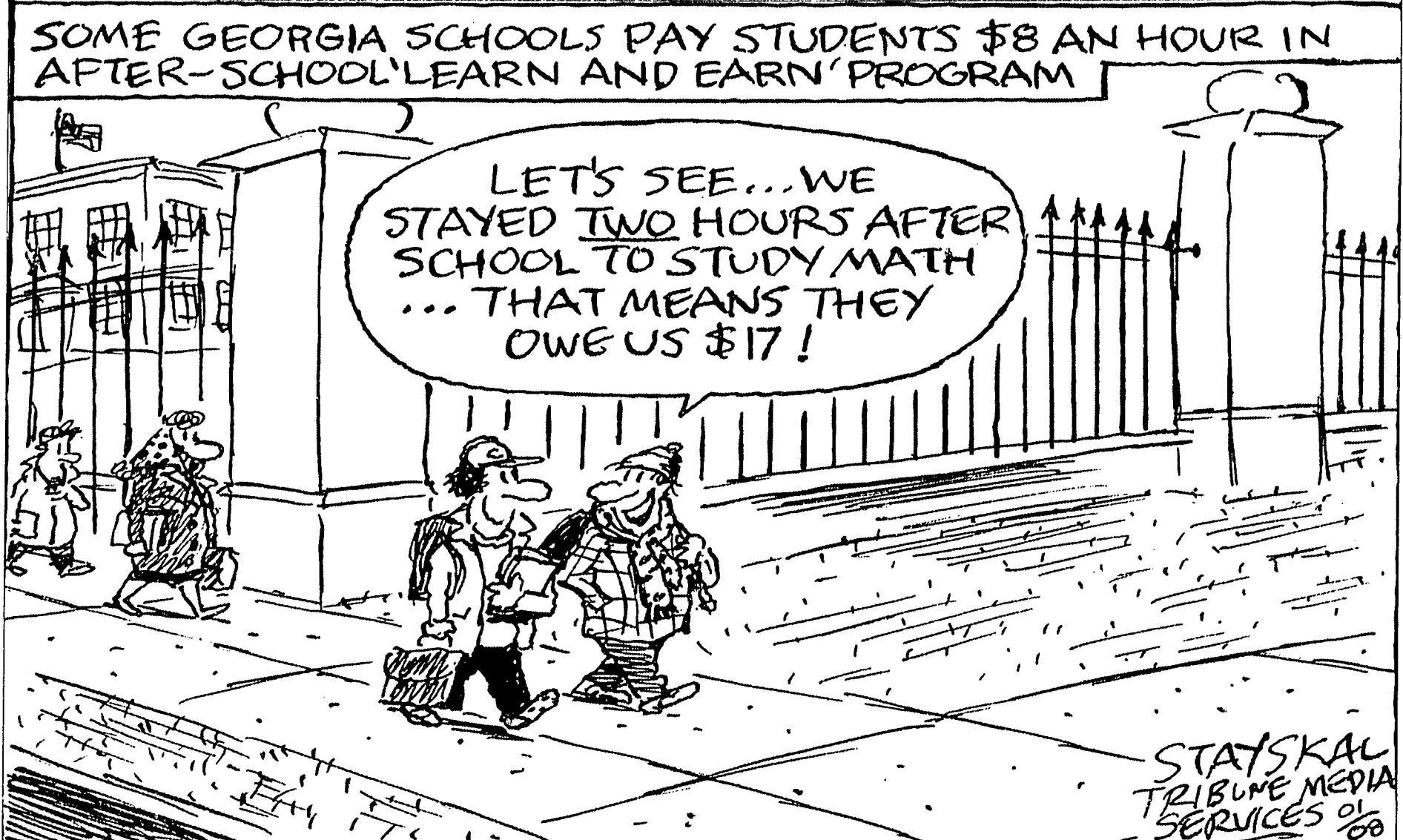
So on Tuesday, go to the polls and cast your vote, but please research before you go.

### Have opinions? Want them heard?

The Northwest Missourian opinion page is looking for students and community members interested in being guest columnists or editorial writers for the spring semester.

So, if you're a political animal, a news fanatic or just need to get something off your chest, feel free to submit.

If you're interested contact us by calling us in the newsroom at 660-562-1224 or e-mailing us at northwestmissourian@hotmail.com. Letters to the editor can also be submitted via e-mail.



MY VIEW

## Enjoy last months of college bliss while you still can



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger  
Contributing Columnists

of all financial  
sizing for you, if they aren't  
already.

You, on the  
other hand, could  
be experiencing  
something quite  
different ... you  
know you're about  
to graduate when:

You are taking  
full advantage  
of your parents'

health insurance plan. Be prepared to  
test the limits of those "30-day" contact  
lenses, and remember that there's no  
shame in faking illnesses just to squeeze  
out every last possible prescription from  
your family physician.

Your parents are delighted, and right-  
fully so, since they will soon be relieved

very own shiny health insurance card.  
You don't want to think about the  
next presidential election because you  
know you'll be voting during your  
lunch hour.

While your friends at Northwest are  
casting their ballots in the Union after  
a leisurely two-hour lunch ("J-Dubs,"  
you'll be impatiently choking down an  
overpriced sandwich (paid for with cash,  
not Adame) while waiting in line at your  
local polling place.

The thought of next year's tax  
season makes you break out in hives.  
You will, without a doubt, be that guy  
or girl showing up at H&R Block with  
bloodshot eyes and a stack of forms you  
don't understand. Fear not ... you got  
people.

You still can't wrap your mind  
around the fact that "Spring Break" only  
exists in college. You won't hear your  
colleagues at the water cooler saying  
things like "but it's all inclusive" or "if I  
drop a class I can totally afford to go."

You are increasingly aware of the  
inappropriate pictures on your Face-  
book profile. You wouldn't put "Super-  
ior beer-bonging skills" on your resume,  
so you want to remove the evidence of  
such activities from your profile.

You daydream incessantly about  
landing a job at Cerner. Hey, at least  
you already know everyone there ...  
you can probably use your Bearcat card  
at their vending machines.

Enjoy the rest of this trimester because  
the real fun is just around the corner.  
Don't be too jealous of your friends who  
are still in school after you leave.

After all, you'll have a paycheck with  
the word "thousand" written on it while  
they're buying beers at Mug Night with  
quarters from under the couch cushion.

MY VIEW

## Stimulus package little more than a temporary solution



Kathleen Wilmes  
Contributing Columnist

with their home loans.

On criticism of this package is the interests of businesses taking the priority.

First, and foremost, business interests are important for not only average citizens, but the nation as a whole.

Who employs U.S. workers? Business owners. Where do the states acquire the money for basic welfare programs, education and road systems?

The federal government, along with state taxes, of course. How does the federal government afford this? Through

income tax.

For example, Average Joe is married with two kids, living in Maryville. He is currently unemployed. Not only does this strain his family, but it also strains the nation as well. Why? First, Average Joe's family most likely relies on basic welfare

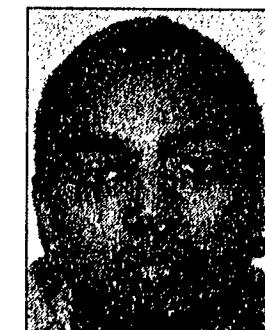
programs the state provides. Second, Average Joe's family is not supporting these programs. Why not? Programs that people below the poverty line rely on are paid for by taxes, specifically income tax. If there is an increase in unemployment, there is a decrease in money the government receives. So why give businesses incentives? To hire more people. The end result is not only boosting the economy, but it balances itself out when more people are paying taxes.

How does this relate to tax rebates given to citizens? Simple, let's say Average Joe magically has a job again. He gets and extra \$300 back in taxes. What is he going to do with that money? Most likely, he will spend it. Where will he spend it? Since Average Joe still lives in Maryville, he will probably spend it in Maryville on groceries, basic utilities, gas and if he's really nice, maybe a new dress for his wife. Now local businesses are flooded with money people received from tax rebates.

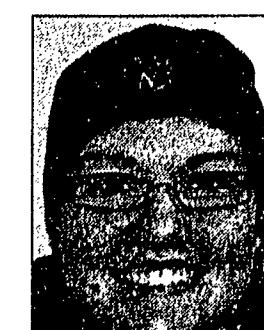
So believe me when I say that a short-term fix is not surprising. Our nation builds itself on short-term fixes. Politics, just like the economy is a cyclical entity—a pragmatic cycle.

CAMPUS TALK

### Who will win the Superbowl and why?



"I'm gonna go with the Patriots, because so far nobody has been able to stop them. Even though the Giants have come the closest to beating them the week before playoffs, I still think the Patriots will pull it off."



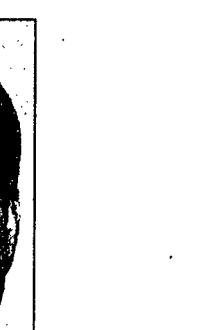
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# OPINION

POLITICS

## Breakdown of each candidates response on Iraq

By Sean Comer  
Political Reporter

Missouri residents not registered by Jan. 9 cannot vote in the primary. Residents registered after the cutoff may vote from the 2008 election onward.

Northwest students may vote in their registered counties only. Example: students registered in Johnson County may vote in Johnson County. However, a student from Johnson County registered in Nodaway County may vote here.

Here's the lowdown on each candidate's opinion on Iraq, according to Jan. 26 Research 200 poll for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Information is taken from each candidate's respective Web site.

Visit Nwmissourinews.com for more in-depth coverage of each candidate's campaign promises.

IRAQ

Hillary Clinton (43 percent)

"Our message to the president is clear. It is time to begin ending this war — not next year, not next month — but today."

"We have heard for years now that as the Iraqis stand up, our troops will stand down. Every year, we hear about how next year they may start coming home. Now we are hearing a new version of that yet again from the president as he has more troops in Iraq than ever and the Iraqi government is more fractured and ineffective than ever."

"Well, the right strategy before the surge and post-escalation is the same: start bringing home America's troops now."

Mike Huckabee (27 percent)

"I am focused on winning. Withdrawal would have serious strategic consequences for us and horrific humanitarian consequences for the Iraqis. If we leave, Iraq's neighbors on all sides will face a refugee crisis and be drawn into the war: Iraq to protect the Shiites; Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Jordan to protect the Sunnis; and Turkey to protect its own Kurdish population. Iraq is a crossroads where Arab meets Kurd, Sunni meets Shiite, so if it's not a peaceful buffer, it can easily become a tinder box for the region. When we deposed Saddam, we emphasized Iraq's

central location as a prime place to establish democracy and have it spread. That was the potential dramatic upside. Now we're faced with the potential dramatic downside that the terrorists are fighting to take advantage of: Iraq's central location as a prime place to create chaos and it has spread."

John McCain (25 percent)

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I find that they learn faster because they're more interested in what they're doing."

"So we go get this one guy at his house. This guy's name was Billy Leacock and his parents ran a drug store up there in Shenandoah. And one time we had, I can't remember if it was a jam session or we actually had a job. Again: no drummer. So we went to Billy's house and his mother says, 'Well Billy's not here, he's working the road with some famous rock band now.'

"And well, 'Who's that?'

"Well, some band called America."

"Today, Reeves still finds inspiration and his handicap has done little to stop the 56-year-old father of two from continuing to do what he loves."

"I have some students that are just fantastic, they inspire me to play," Reeves said.

"We don't jump around on stage like they do," Reeves said. "We're more like the Allman Brothers, you know, them guys are pretty much super-glued to one spot. They're a bunch of old guys, but they're more focused on their craft than their acrobatics."

"In the meantime, Reeves will continue to hone his craft."

"It becomes a matter of getting into a zone, so to speak," Reeves said. "You just kind of shut the brain off and let the brain be in your hands and that's the magic of it to me. Is when I can get into that zone. It doesn't always work, there's some nights it doesn't work, there's some nights it does."

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### STORM CLEANUP

## FEMA may help with community cleanup costs

By Michael Clements  
Chief Reporter

Providing FEMA funds these bridges, the county would be able to replace a bridge that was originally planned for replacement in 2009, Commissioner Joe Baumli said.

The county is still waiting on money from the original request put into FEMA, which is why the county budget looks worse than years past, Westfall said.

"We haven't gotten very far with it, because we got to get estimates done on how much debris out ... to see exactly what they are going to be looking to put a claim in for," Westfall said.

Nodaway County is appealing three locations damaged by flooding last spring. Two of the locations bridges the county wants replaced by the third location the county wants to place a bridge instead of a tube, County Commissioner Bob Westfall said.

The county is waiting on near \$900,000 back from FEMA, Baumli said.

"Part of that we put out last year in tubes and money to repair things, and that's why our budget showed kind of a shortfall last year," Westfall said. "We thought that money would come back a little faster."

If accepted, FEMA will fund 75 percent of the total cost while the State Emergency Management Agency will fund 10 percent for both projects.

## ENROLLMENT: Jobs will cut overloads

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course sections, let alone overloads, Hobbs said.

"For a temporary fix, it worked for us, but I don't want to do this semester after semester," Hobbs said. "I can't ask the faculty to do it over and over."

Northwest will continue hiring its

REEP-recommended faculty in Fall 2008, Yang said. While the initial positions were approved based on immediate need, a more refined allocation model, to be finalized later in the year, will determine specifically where the need is for future faculty, he said.

## GUARD: Volunteers help out families

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the soldiers and work with the school to further support the deployment.

Should, for example, another ice storm strike Maryville, the community wants to ensure that the soldiers will have as little as possible to worry about, Suzanne Von Behren, Maryville Chamber of Commerce member services coordinator said.

An issue concerning the soldiers during their deployment is how their families will cope while they are halfway across the world.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce will help to address that issue. The Chamber will compile a list of important contacts for the soldiers' families, help gather cards to send to

them to the best of our ability."

With the first group leaving next Wednesday, the Chamber is hastily trying to organize a send-off for the troops.

If anyone would like to help with any aspect of the deployment, they should contact the Maryville Chamber of Commerce at 582-8643, Van Behren said.

A soldier just relayed that there's nothing more dangerous to that soldier than if he's worrying about his wife and kids at home," Van Behren said. "There's no way that we can alleviate that worry, however we just want to lessen that and help them know that we are going to take care of

## Hy-Vee Nightly Specials 4pm - 8pm Dine In or Carry Out.

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Wednesday  
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with 1 side & Garlic Bread

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# SPORTS

### NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Squad seeks strong MIAA finish

By Scott Levine  
Sports Editor

Northwest entered the halftime break leading by 28 points. During the second half, though, Central Missouri cut the deficit to nine points with more than four minutes remaining before Northwest eventually won 98-84.

To some of the Northwest women's players, it's a lack of killer instinct. To head coach Gene Steinmeyer, it's not that complicated.

"They just need blinders," Steinmeyer said about the team's inability to sustain large leads.

In the team's previous four

games, Northwest ranked 10th

regionally, held at least an eight-

point lead during the first half.

Against Truman State and Missouri

Southern, the 'Cats were unable to

keep their leads, resulting in their

only conference losses.

Even in last Saturday's victory

against Central Missouri, Northwest

owns the fibber as it defeated the Ichabods 50-45 on

Jan. 12.

Up next for the MIAA's top team are two games that could provide more breathing room at the top, or jam more teams into conference title discussions.

For Northwest, senior Mandi Schumacher registered a double-double with 23 points and 12 rebounds against Southwest Baptist.

"We didn't play much defense last time," Williams said. "But you can mark my words, our defense will not let them score that many again."

Southwest Baptist guards Erika Souza and Courtney Creed netted

25 points apiece during the last meeting. Cortney Shewmaker, Rachel Graves and Katalin Cutbirth, also totaled double figures.

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Wednesday, Northwest travels to Emporia State, to square off against the No. 24 team in the country. The 'Cats contest against Emporia State last Wednesday was not available at press time (check Nwmissourinews.com for a complete recap).

See FINISH on B2



"His brother is a huge influence on his life. He gives him advice on running and just life. Ben takes everything he says to heart."

—Laura Chappell, Ben's wife

## Hitting his stride

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

H is Saturday nights have changed.

Much like the man, they're less wild and grown up. Instead of drinking late into the night, he's in bed early. Instead of living for the moment, he's looking toward the future. Instead of bowling out, he's battling back.

"Saturday night now, I'm in bed by about nine o'clock watching 'Family Guy' or something like that as opposed to being out at two in the morning trying to get into a bar with a fake I.D.," Northwest runner Ben Chappell said. "I never thought I'd be in bed at eight o'clock on a Saturday night."

For Chappell, a spot on the Northwest track and cross country team represents stability in a life, and running career, that has taken him halfway across the country on an up-and-down trail for six years.

Originally from Eugene, Ore., Chappell hit rough terrain early when his mother abandoned him, his brother and father when he was only eight years old.

"They were hippies, and my

dad realized it was time to grow up and take care of his kids, and I don't think she really wanted to do that yet," Chappell said. "They didn't really fight. They just went their ways, and she wasn't ready, to give up that lifestyle."

While life at home wasn't the most stable, Chappell was led into the sport of long-distance running by the most influential person in his life, his brother Jed.

Jed would eventually enter the professional ranks of long-distance running as Ben entered West Valley College, a community college in San Jose, Calif.

But he wasn't ready. Problems with the coaching staff and a lack of maturity led Ben to quit the team after one year.

"I had a good situation my first year, and I just blew it," Ben said. "You know, I was young, and I grew up in a family where none of them went to college. So, I never really had that voice in my head telling me 'go to school. That's what it takes to be successful'."

"After the first year, I didn't know what was going on. You get stuck in a rut, and I was working at a bookstore not doing anything."

Now, Ben is hitting his stride.



NORTHWEST TRACK and cross country runner Ben Chappell said almost six years getting back into long-distance running. His family played a big part in his renewed interest in both school and running (above). Chappell runs during his first season with the Northwest cross country team (left). Chappell spends time with his niece after the MIAA cross-country meet (top left). Chappell's oldest niece imitates her uncle before a race.

### NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Team hitting stride as conference season heats up

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

After starting 2-3 in the MIAA, the Northwest men's basketball team has rattled off three straight wins.

"I don't think our team responded well to the pressure of winning early in the conference season," coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

The team, ranked fourth regionally, has come a long way, and with a win Wednesday over Emporia State, Northwest puts itself in position for a first place tie with Southwest Baptist.

But in order to get into first place, the 'Cats must beat Baptist Saturday in Bolivar. Wins in the Meyer Sports Center haven't been easy. Since the 2004-2005 season, Northwest is 2-1, but the victory margin is 3.5 points.

One positive for Northwest is the team's worst game of the season, and lost to Baptist by one, Jan. 20 in Maryville.

In that game, Northwest was



THE NORTHWEST MEN'S team is currently riding a three-game winning streak. Northwest guard Lance Sullivan ranks second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.8 points per game.

outrebounded 36-28 as Baptist shot 52 percent, while Northwest went 5-of-20 from 3-point range.

Here, that was the best team we've played to that point," Tappmeyer said. "We didn't play well, and they had a lot to do with it. They were

pretty good."

Since that conference opener, Northwest let a couple of games slip away, and solved the mystery of winning in Pittsburg, Kan.

What may be more impressive is Northwest's execution last Saturday against Central Missouri. The Bearcats overcame a slow start to shoot 49 percent in the 77-62 win.

While Central Missouri is a young team, chalk full of inexperience, Mike Larson said the team played its best game of the year.

"I think we played as a team for 40 minutes," Larson said. "I think that was the first time we've really been able to put it together. It was a good ballgame for the whole team."

After Saturday's game, Northwest is on the road five of the final eight games.

"It's still early," Tappmeyer said. "The big thing is to focus on how we're playing."

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### MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Warriors ahead for stampeding squad

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

One day after getting pasted by MEC-leading Platte County, the Maryville girls' basketball team faced a near certain two-game losing streak.

But, if the Spoofhounds (11-3) hadn't officially served notice they were not conference pushovers anymore, they did so last Friday by edging Savannah (11-5) 56-53, in overtime.

The Savages, who had come within five points of the No. 4 Pirates and the No. 6 Benton Cardinals, saw the 'Hounds leave town with their season's biggest victory.

"It's just one of the biggest wins, because our girls have never beaten Savannah since they were in eighth grade. That's important for them and their

biggest

# BEARCATS

## INDOOR TRACK

**Tappmeyer easing Peterson back into starting lineup**

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

Andy Peterson's return to the Northwest lineup last Saturday against Central Missouri could create problems for coach Steve Tappmeyer.

Peterson, who's been out with a back injury, dressed last Saturday, but did not play. When Peterson returns to the floor, players that have contributed significant production could see their minutes cut drastically.

Take Mike Larsen. In four games, the sophomore guard is averaging 10.5 points and is shooting 55 percent from 3-point range since starting Jan. 16 against Missouri Southern.

Eliah Allen, who didn't attempt a shot against Central, had 12 points off the bench Jan. 23 against Truman State.

"It's a factor. In some ways, you think you can't have enough good players, but sometimes you can," Tappmeyer said.

In addition, the starting lineup of Hunter Henry, Matt Withers, Lance Sullivan, Moss Howard and Larsen has been consistent. Since Jan. 19 against Pittsburg State, the team's shooting percentages have greatly increased.

"We have got to have a good flow, we've got to zero in on who our top seven or eight are," Tappmeyer said. "Nine, 10, and 11 won't be getting many more minutes."

Tappmeyer said he plans to keep Peterson's minutes to a mini-

mum for the time being. That may prove to be beneficial for a team that will need Peterson's leadership and consistent shooting down the stretch.

"If we can get him back healthy and playing the way he was when he left, that would be a big plus for us," Tappmeyer said.

Entering Wednesday's game against Emporia State, Tappmeyer was one win shy of 200 MIAA wins.

In 19-plus seasons, Tappmeyer has an MIAA record of 199-127.

"All I know is, when you get that, it means you've been here a big part of a long time," Tappmeyer said.

**Stat of the Week**

Entering Wednesday, Northwest has held each MIAA opponent to an average of 16 points below their scoring average.

**SBU remains No. 1, Northwest climbing**

Southwest Baptist's barely hanging on. The No. 1 spot in this week's Northwest Missouri MIAA Power Rankings despite a 20-point loss to Truman State last Saturday.

2. Northwest (3)  
3. Fort Hays State (7)  
4. Missouri Southern (2)  
5. Emporia State (5)  
6. Pittsburg State (8)  
7. Washburn (4)  
8. Central Missouri (9)  
9. Truman State (9)  
10. Missouri Western (10)

( ) Last Week's Ranking

## Runners see week off as time for intense training

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

It will be cliché to say the indoor track season is hitting its stride, but that is exactly what's happening. With three meets under their belts, and a weekend without competition, the Northwest men's and women's indoor track teams are gearing up for the conference meet in a month.

"Mainly, it's good that we have the week off right now," women's coach Scott Lorek said. "It's very good because it gives us a chance to let the intensity subside a little bit, and we can just focus on some training."

Last weekend, the women's team turned up the intensity for the Iowa State Open. Though team scores weren't kept, Lorek was encouraged when many of his athletes set personal records. Junior Audrey Bailey set personal records in the 200 and 400-meter dash while senior Kendall Wright finished fifth in the long jump.

"Maybe the highlight still is we're looking pretty good in the sprints in the jumps, the horizontal jumps," Alspus said.

The strength of the team may be the sprints and horizontal jumps now, but sophomore Ben Chappell hopes to make distance runners a factor during the MIAA meet.

"I think our distance team could be a little better with our depth," Chappell said.

Both teams will compete again next week in the Mule Relays, in Warrensburg, Mo.

## FINISH: Hitting crucial stretch

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Emporia features four starters that average in double figures. All-American senior Michelle Stuwe leads the Lady Hornets with 21.6 points per game. Steinmeyer said she could be considered the conference's best player.

"Emporia has great talent and they're very young," Steinmeyer said. "If that great talent plays like they have experience, they will be tough for anybody to beat."

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## STRIDE: Chappell regains lost love

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life. Ben takes everything he says to heart." After training in the heat of Arizona, Ben made his way to St. Joseph, where his wife found a teaching position at Hide Elementary School. He contacted Northwest track coach Richard Alspus to ask about getting back in school and running competitively again at the age of 24.

"He's a little older, and the kids respect him a lot," Alspus said. "He works as hard or harder than anyone."

Ben said his spending time away from school and away from the track has given him an appreciation that pushes him to work harder.

New-found wisdom and the support of his wife give Ben the focus he needs to succeed on the track and in the classroom where he majors in economics, he said.

In his last indoor track event, Ben was Northwest's top finisher in the 5,000-meter run, and he said, he's getting back to where he was when he left collegiate running almost six years ago.

"I think that's the reason they're so close," Laura said of Ben's mother leaving. "When they were growing up all they had were each other and their dad."

"It's funny how much you grow in six years," Ben said. "... how different you become, a whole different person."

( ) Last Week's Ranking

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# SPOOFHOUNDS

## MHS WRESTLING



MARYVILLE 130-POUND WRESTLER Zach Schieber struggles to get loose from Smilville wrestler Jeff Jones. The Spoofhounds finished second overall, and crowned three champions.

## MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

### Free throws decisive in conference battle

By Christopher Woodland  
Missourian Reporter

A five-point, fourth-quarter deficit wasn't enough to derail two Maryville seniors Tuesday night.

Seniors Aaron Dueker and Ryan Sudhoff's fourth quarters propelled the game into overtime.

In overtime, Dueker finished off conference foe Platte County 54-51, with a 3-point play with 10.3 seconds remaining in overtime.

"We've had some close losses this season and this one is important," Maryville coach Mike Kuvitzyk said.

"We really needed a conference win and this one was big."

Senior Andy Walter's 3-pointer notched the first points in overtime, with 1:57 left. The Spoofhounds would not trail again.

Platte County tied it up with a 3-point shot from Garrett Beeson, but after a Garrett Beeson layup with less than 30 seconds, after Dueker's game-winning basket, Platte County was unable to force the contest into a second overtime.

Maryville failed to take control of the game in regulation and trailed most of the game. A key 3-pointer by Dueker and missed free throws by the Pirates, who missed four in a row at one point in the fourth, kept the Hounds in position for the big finish.

"I didn't have a very good first period," Dueker said. "I didn't wrestle smart, that's basically what it was. I should have wrestled better."

Earlier in the week, Maryville placed second at the Quad State Classic in Maryville with 154.5 points. Bedford/Lexon, Iowa finished first with 168 points. Danner Merrill, Archer and DeMott, each placed first at the tournament.

"If we have that 12-point swing, that might have ignited our team," Dueker said. "Sometimes when teams get off to that great of a start, it snowballs, and you can't do anything to stop it."

Danner Merrill recorded a 1-0 decision against Tanner Aeborsold. Jason Davis and Matt Davis each recorded pins.

Tanner Archer recorded a 9-5 victory, despite trailing by one with 20 seconds remaining.

For more about the Quad State Classic, see the wrestling notebook.

The Hounds return to action at 5:30 p.m. tonight at St. Pius X. The team then moves on to a 9:30 a.m. Saturday tournament, in Albany.



JUNIOR JOE JASINSKI lays in the ball against Benton, Friday. The Spoofhounds lost in the final minutes.

Photo by Scott Levine | sports editor

# Brutal MEC stretch concludes tonight

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

Spectators at the last two Maryville Spoofhound basketball games may be leaving with much higher heart rates.

The Hounds have made a habit of extremely close games during the last week, losing on a layup to conference-powerhouse Benton with seconds remaining and winning on a clutch 3-point shot by senior Aaron Dueker in the same fashion, Tuesday.

**Slow Starts**

Once again, Tuesday, the Hounds went down to their opponent early.

The Pirates started the game on an 8-0 run and led after the first quarter 19-12. Against Benton, Maryville was down 12-0 to start the game and ended the first quarter down 20-3.

The early deficits have caused Maryville to trail at the beginning of both fourth quarters.

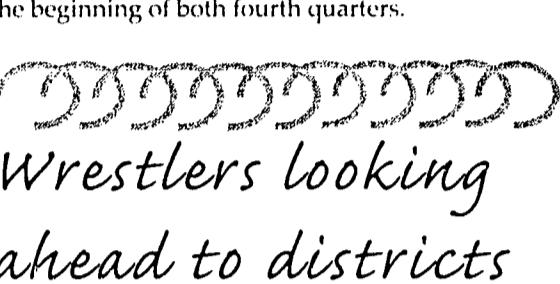


Photo by Scott Levine | sports editor

As the district wrestling tournament creeps around the corner Feb. 9, the Maryville wrestling team seems poised to make another strong run at the state tournament.

Last year, Maryville landed seven wrestlers in the tournament. That number seemed surprising to some, but if last Saturday's Quad State Classic was any precursor to how well the team will do Feb. 9, seven state bound wrestlers shouldn't be a surprise.

Seven Maryville wrestlers made it to the finals, with three taking gold last Saturday. Danner Merrill, Derek DeMott and Tanner Archer each claimed first place, while Dakota Merrill, Luke Lancaster, Matt Davis and Jason Davis placed second.

Big day

Despite sporting a near .500 season record, Matt Davis made it all the way to the finals in the 145-pound weight class. Drake said he was impressed with Davis' performance.

"The person who had the best day was probably Matt Davis," Drake said. "He is barely above .500 and to get the finals was great. He had a tremendous day and dropped down a weight."

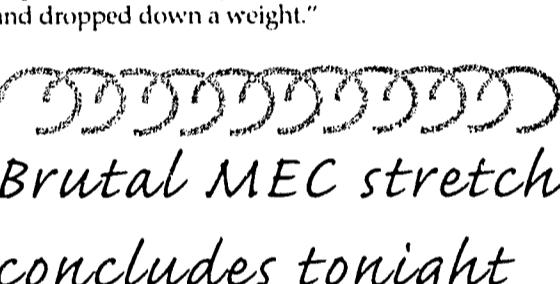


Photo by Scott Levine | sports editor

After battling three straight opponents with four or fewer losses, Smithville does not provide much room for Maryville to catch its breath.

But after the 13-5 Warriors' game tonight, a much-needed breather is in store in the form of Falls City (Neb.).

The Tigers are struggling in the form of a 1-15 season and have lost their last nine games.

**Promotion well deserved**

Freshman Shannon McClellan, who moved into the starting lineup recently, has made the most of the promotion by scoring 18 points in the past two games (10 against Platte County, eight against Savannah.)

The Tigers are struggling in the form of a 1-15

## SQUAD: Defense looks to contain Lady Warriors' weapons

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it's important for the program to start beating some of those teams so we can gain that confidence and realize that our hard work is starting to pay off.

Smithville's overall height concerns Hageman more than just its post player's.

"They're ecstatic. There wasn't much I needed to say in my postgame speech. They worked hard for it and they deserved it. What we've got to do now is make sure we don't have any kind of letdown from that game."

Avoiding a letdown tonight, however, won't be easy. After playing three straight top-level teams, the Hounds don't get much of a break as they face fellow green-clad upstart, Smithville, who is 13-5.

The Lady Warriors have a potent one-two punch in junior guard Mallory Craig and senior post player Vanessa Van Bleisem.

Craig is coming off a 22-point performance in Smithville's 66-33 rout

of St. Pius X last week. Van Bleisem stands six feet tall, which won't make Walker have flashbacks of Platte County's Morgan Johnson, but it will be another challenge.

"Coming to our home floor, I think they're definitely beatable, but it's going to take a really good effort," Hageman said. "I don't think we can come out and struggle in the first half and then we kind of end out as far as our post players, but they have a lot of girls that are pretty tall and pretty athletic."

Despite wins over North Platte and Savannah and playing even with Platte County for three quarters, the Hounds still feel they have plenty to prove, and do not want to misconstrued as a lucky team.

"I think the team is confident, but they're also hungry to prove that it's not just a fluke," Hageman said. "They still feel like they have something to prove and that's the way they're playing right now."

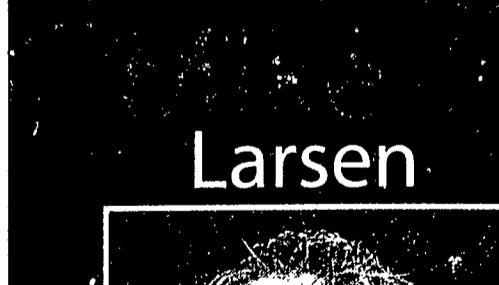
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FRESHMAN GUARD MOLLY STINES scored two points in the team's 73-56 loss to Platte County Jan. 24.

# NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week



**Larsen**  
The sophomore guard from South Jordan, Utah, averaged 13 points, including 7-of-9 from 3-point range in two games against Truman State and Central Missouri.



**Nelson**  
The senior guard from Exira, Iowa, broke the school's all-time 3-pointers made record against Truman.



## THE EXTRA POINT

### Giants have to win to prevent a sports catastrophe

Sitting in class, our instructor asked a typical Super Bowl-week question: how many of you are Patriots' fans?

Five hands immediately shot up.

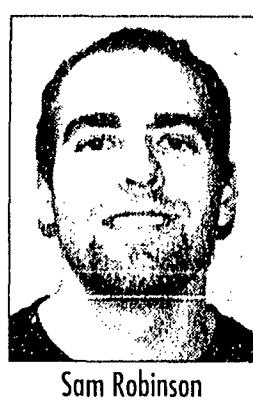
For a split second, I thought some of these people might've hailed from the greater Boston area or its surrounding states. But upon second glance, I realized I was dealing with the absolute worst kind of sports fans: bandwagon jumpers.

In a fit of inner rage, I contemplated calling a couple of them out and asking random Drew Brees/Erik questions to see if they were real, but I calmed down. I'm probably a bit too old to lay into someone about who his or her favorite team is.

But I thought about this and concluded that, in this case, it was necessary. Because, if the Patriots win Sunday, this could smash all mars associated with this love-life form of sports fandom. The Pats' bandwagon will multiply and create possibly the most annoying army of followers the football world has ever seen.

Let me backtrack a tad and explain why these people don't deserve to be acknowledged as sports fans.

Usually at a very young age, a true fan makes a commitment to a team. This



Sam Robinson

commitment can arise by living in the same city, your parents being that team's fans or some strong, unexplainable attachment.

There are other pure reasons, but that is just the beginning, and once you've made your choice, you're stuck with that team for life. This excludes a few extraneous circumstances, but barring something extremely rare, nothing deters true fans of sticking by their teams.

This is why loyal fans belong to a special fraternity: outsiders cannot be part of it. People who aren't in this club of honor just do not understand the sacred bond fans have with their teams.

They put in the man-hours, through heartbreaking losses to 4-12 seasons, in hopes of getting to experience what Giants fans are.

Bandwagon fans have an entirely different philosophy. Since they have no soul, they don't feel they need to be loyal unless the team is winning. Instead of sticking by one school or franchise and truly appreciating the successes and living through the failures, they latch onto

whichever team is the best at that time and pretend to root for them to feel better about themselves. It is truly sad.

Members of category "A" can spot these clowns a mile away. They were the ones who wore Dr. Martens in middle school when the rich crowd started to, or later jackets, despite not playing sports in high school.

These same people probably tried to dig up their Packers' gear from 10 years ago, because of the Brett Favre revival. I've seen this nearly every year. The biggest bandwagon team of my lifetime was the Mid-'90s Dallas Cowboys, with my Broncos teams of the late '90s coming in a distant second.

This was a strange period. After being the only Denver diehard for seven years, one percent of 1998's championship joy was taken from me by these lowlifes who immediately bought Bronco jerseys. It was beyond pathetic, seeing these losers posing as longtime fans. But, they soon disappeared when a few non-playoff seasons followed.

This is why the Giants have to win: to prevent these schmucks from backing the most classless team in the league.

How can anyone who isn't from New England or a longtime fan root for this team? They have a pompous jerk at quarterback, a safety (Rodney Harrison) who, rightfully so, has been voted as the

most important for real fans across the globe that the Giants stop this before it's too late.

#### WHAT TO WATCH?

##### Scott's TV Picks

Friday

■ Walker, Texas Ranger, 10 a.m. USA — Watch Chuck Norris "a poor man's Jack Bauer" fight crime with his judo chops and steel-toed boots.

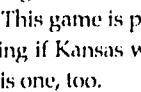
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Saturday

■ Kansas at Colorado, 2:30 p.m. ABC — What idiotic ABC network executive saw this game before the season and thought this was a blockbuster. This game is purely for the degenerate gamblers out there seeing if Kansas will cover. Therefore, I'm sure Sam's watching this one, too.

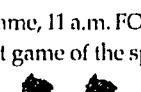
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Sunday

■ Super Bowl XLII pre-game, 11 a.m. FOX — Not much going on here — just the biggest game of the sport's year.

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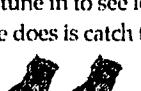


##### Marc's TV Picks

Friday

■ Inside the NFL, 6 p.m. HBO — If you're not sick of all the Super Bowl coverage by then, tune in to see legends like Dan Marino and Chris Carter ... all he does is catch touchdowns.

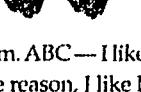
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Saturday

■ Miami at Duke, 2:30 p.m. ABC — I like Duke, sue me. Coach K is the man, and for some reason, I like Miami, too. I think Duke will give Memphis and Kansas a run.

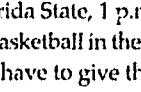
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Sunday

■ North Carolina at Florida State, 1 p.m. FSN — Make it a day of sports with Tar Heel Basketball in the morning and the Super Bowl in the afternoon. I have to give this a five out of five ... it's the Super Bowl.

Days rating (5 of 5)



### POWER RANKINGS

#### MEC Boys

1. Benton Hung on to beat Maryville after blowing 17-point first-half lead Friday  
2. Lafayette Monday's battle for St. Joe could be the conference championship  
3. Smithville Jones' 23 points was not enough to top Kearney as the Warriors fell  
4. Platte County Blew lead, fell in overtime in Maryville Tuesday night  
5. Cameron Impressive showing in own tourney, winning two after losing in first  
6. Maryville Moral victory, as they played dead even with Benton for three quarters  
7. Chillicothe Early exit in Cameron Tournament not going to move up Jornets  
8. Savannah Struggled in Nixa Tournament over the weekend, losing two of three

Up next:  
1. Benton at Chillicothe 5. Cameron vs. Lafayette  
2. Lafayette at Cameron 6. Maryville at Smithville  
3. Smithville vs. Maryville 7. Chillicothe at Benton  
4. Platte County at Savannah 8. Savannah vs. Platte County

### SPORTS STAFF SURVEY POWER RANKINGS

#### Final Score

MVP

Scott's pick — Tom Brady

I had first pick of the litter on this one, and decided to stay safe. I'm not going out on much of a limb, but I'm not in it to make outrageous statements. I'm in this to win and show it in the sports staff's faces.

Marc's pick — Wes Welker

Everyone's going to be focused on stopping Moss. They might actually do it, but they can't stop Moss and Welker. Nobody's talking about Welker after torching defenses during the entire season. And I'm sorry Randy Moss, but you aren't the quickest receiver on your team, it's good! We! No one in the Giants secondary can keep up with Welker's quickness.

Marc's pick — NE 34 NY Giants 24

People are really picking this game to be closer than this, but I think I proved by whipping Scott in the regular season that I know what I'm talking about. New England has too much time to prepare for the Giants.

Sam's pick — NY Giants 31 NE 27

I'm the only one on this staff with any testicular fortitude. The Pats are running on fumes and the Giants are playing in a town I haven't seen from an NFC team in a while. The defense has been outstanding in the playoffs, stifling Romo and Favre in their houses. We'll see how hurt Brady really is, as NY can get pressure with its front four.

Brett's pick — NE 38, NY Giants 14

New England's due for a blowout Super Bowl win.

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### MEC Girls

#### Team

1. Platte County Only Benton will challenge the No. 4 Pirates for league title  
2. Benton Defending champ Cardinals moved up to sixth in Class 4  
3. Maryville Notched biggest win in OT in Savannah Friday night  
4. Savannah Lost third spot with home losses to Spoofhounds, Pirates last week  
5. Smithville Will have chance to move up in rankings with Maryville up next  
6. Cameron Victories over LeBlond and Excelsior Springs vault Dragons to six  
7. Chillicothe Dropped down after losing by 14 to Benton's JV squad  
8. Lafayette Lost battle for St. Joe in big way against Benton, 50-25

#### Up next:

1. Platte County at Savannah 5. Smithville at Maryville  
2. Benton vs. Chillicothe 6. Cameron vs. Lafayette  
3. Maryville vs. Smithville 7. Chillicothe at Benton  
4. Savannah vs. Platte County 8. Lafayette at Cameron

#### First Player to Score a TD

Scott's pick — Plaxico Burress

New England wins the toss. They decide to be on the Giants and convert a field goal. Eli Manning then drives down and converts off I don't know, a 23-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress, solidifying that the game won't be a blowout.

Marc's pick — Kevin Faulk

Nobody ever thinks about Faulk, but I have a feeling he's going to catch a ball out of the backfield for the first TD. He's the most underrated member of the Patriots. He can run draws, catch the ball out of the backfield and cook an exquisite feast for so I hear. Just look at the AFC Championship game, and everyone should know Faulk will bust out in a Patriots win.

Marc's pick — Wes Welker

Everyone's going to be focused on stopping Moss. They might actually do it, but they can't stop Moss and Welker. Nobody's talking about Welker after torching defenses during the entire season. And I'm sorry Randy Moss, but you aren't the quickest receiver on your team, it's good! We! No one in the Giants secondary can keep up with Welker's quickness.

Marc's pick — NE 34 NY Giants 24

People are really picking this game to be closer than this, but I think I proved by whipping Scott in the regular season that I know what I'm talking about. New England has too much time to prepare for the Giants.

Sam's pick — NY Giants 31 NE 27

I'm the only one on this staff with any testicular fortitude. The Pats are running on fumes and the Giants are playing in a town I haven't seen from an NFC team in a while. The defense has been outstanding in the playoffs, stifling Romo and Favre in their houses. We'll see how hurt Brady really is, as NY can get pressure with its front four.

Brett's pick — Asante Samuel

Asante Samuel has been playing under the radar. He'll have the biggest challenge when he matches up with Plaxico Burress. Burress may give his teammates headaches sometimes, but he's been a superstar performer in the playoffs. Eli Manning has been playing turnover-free in the playoffs, but I have a feeling that Asante is going to pick off a couple of passes in this game.

Brett's pick — Amani Toomer

The Patriots will be surprised on the Giants' first possession. On a short second down, Eli

Manning will find Toomer on a long touchdown pass. Unfortunately, the Giants will not score until late in the third quarter when the game's already out of reach.

Brett's pick — "I Won't Back Down"

One of the best in Mr. Petty's collection. The song will set the tone for the rest of the halftime show. I think this one gets it started, while "American Girl" closes the show. Though that would've been my second choice, and it's hard to believe Marc, who had fourth pick, snagged that one. "Well the good old days may not return. The rocks might melt. The sea may burn. I'm learning to fly."

Sam's pick — "Learning to Fly"

1991's smash hit will kick off the best SB halftime show ever. I think this one gets it started, while "American Girl" closes the show. Though that would've been my second choice, and it's hard to believe Marc, who had fourth pick, snagged that one. "Well the good old days may not return. The rocks might melt. The sea may burn. I'm learning to fly."

Sam's pick — "Wes Welker"

Final home to my fantasy team (The Plumbies) who captured my first fantasy sports title last December and this man was the main reason why. While I don't think Moss or Stallworth will have big games, Welker matches up well with the Giants. He'll score early on the out route at the 5-yard line.

Brett's pick — "I Won't Back Down"

One of the best in Mr. Petty's collection. The song will set the tone for the rest of the halftime show. I'm pretty sure the Giants are going to have to listen closely to the lyrics to attempt to get back into the game. "Iey, baby. There's no easy way out."

Sam's pick — "Iey, baby. There's no easy way out."

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## WHO TO WATCH?

Maybe you don't watch football. Maybe you don't follow the teams. Maybe you just don't know. Whatever your reason for not knowing, now's the time to figure it out. (Or at least pretend you know what's going on.) Here's the low-down on the teams.

**Giants**  
Coach: Tom Coughlin  
Season record: 13-6

*Keep your eyes open for:*  
No. 10 Eli Manning — Quarterback  
No. 17 Plaxico Burress — Wide receiver  
No. 27 Brandon Jacobs — Running back  
No. 72 Osi Umenyiora — Defensive end

**Patriots**  
Coach: Bill Belichick  
Season record: 18-0

*Keep your eyes open for:*  
No. 12 Tom Brady — Quarterback (2 time MVP)  
No. 31 Randy Moss — Wide receiver  
No. 83 Wes Welker — Wide receiver  
No. 93 Richard Seymour — Defensive end

According to ESPN, the top 5 players in the Super Bowl are as follows:

1. Patriots — Tom Brady
2. Patriots — Randy Moss
3. Giants — Osi Umenyiora
4. Patriots — Richard Seymour
5. Giants — Michael Strahan

However, the Northwest Missourian sports team has their own opinion:

1. Patriots — Tom Brady
2. Patriots — Randy Moss
3. Giants — Plaxico Burress
4. Giants — Osi Umenyiora
5. Patriots — Asante Samuel

## ONCE A BEARCAT, ALWAYS A BEARCAT

This Super Bowl has a former Bearcat suiting up and hitting the field.

No. 71 Giants — David Tollefson

After two years at a junior college in California, and time spent recovering from an injury, Tollefson played for the Bearcats in 2004 and 2005, setting the season record for quarterback sacks his senior year. After his graduation in 2005, he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2006. The next year, he was signed by the Giants where he still currently plays.

**TUNE IN:**  
6 p.m. at the University of Phoenix Stadium  
Halftime show: Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers  
On FOX

# SB XLII

**TOP 5 SUPER BOWL PARTY FOODS**

The Super Bowl is the least favorite day for nutritionists, as people will be pulling out the guilty pleasures for the biggest day in sports. Make sure you have these crowd-pleasing favorites at your Super Bowl bash.

1. Buffalo Wings
2. Nachos (with salsa or cheese sauce)
3. Pizza (frozen or delivered)
4. Hot dogs or sausages
5. Potato chips and dip

**SUPER BOWL =  
SUPER COMMERCIALS**

What is remembered about the Super Bowl the most usually? It's not the teams, the players, or even the game. It's the commercials. Many of these commercials have touched us, made us laugh and are ingrained in our memory. Here are the top five commercials from more than 40 years of Super Bowls.

*Top 5 Super Bowl Commercials*

1. "Mean" Joe Greene drinks a Coke and throws his jersey to a little kid (Coca Cola, 1979)
2. The Budweiser frogs (Budweiser, 1995)
3. Woman throws a sledgehammer at a Big Brother screen like "1984" (Apple Computers, 1984)
4. Michael Jordan and Larry Bird have a shooting contest for a Big Mac (McDonald's, 1984)
5. Kids are shown saying when they grow up they want to be things like "in middle management," and "a brown-noser," and "a yes man." (Monster.com, 1999)